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2 Seattle lawyers appointed King County judges

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Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger Rogoff and John Chun, a civil lawyer, to the King County Superior Court bench.

Rogoff spent the past six years with the U.S. Attorney's Office, 12 years with the King County Prosecutor's Office and two years in private practice. As an assistant U.S. attorney, Rogoff prosecuted Weldon Marc Gilbert, the millionaire Lake Tapps pilot convicted of luring boys and more than a dozen others into sadistic sexual abuse with offers of flying lessons, trips, alcohol help with homework.

As a deputy prosecutor, Rogoff pursued the case against Dr. Charles Momah, the former obstetrician-gynecologist found guilty of sexual crimes against four patients.

Chun, a labor and employment litigation specialist at Summit Law Group, previously worked at Preston Gates & Ellis (now K&L Gates). According to his profile on the Summit Law Group site, Chun's practice "focuses on complex employment, commercial, and international cases. He also provides services as an investigator, arbitrator, and mediator in various types of matters."

Chun previously served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Eugene A. Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"John and Roger are both strong, effective advocates for justice and equality, and that is something I know will serve the people of King County well," Inslee said in a news release. "These men are both widely respected and lauded for their legal skills and experience, as well as their untiring efforts to serve the people in their communities. I'm very proud to welcome them to the bench."

Chun is replacing retiring Superior Court Judge Michael Hayden, and Rogoff is replacing retiring Judge Deborah Fleck. The new judges will take the bench Jan. 6, according to the governor's office.

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